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**WILLIAM FAULKNER**

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Re: William Faulkner

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JAN 28 1957

TELETYPE

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DIRECTOR ..... U R G E N T .....

UNSUB, WAS., A. B. STEIN, MRS. WILLIAM FAULKNER-VICTIM-EXTORTION  
 RE BU TELEPHONE CALL THIS DATE IN WHICH ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR  
 L. B. NICHOLS REQUESTED MR. DONALD KLOPFER, RANDOM HOUSE INC., BE CON-  
 TACTED TO SECURE INFORMATION OF A VIOLATION WITHING THE BUREAU'S  
 JURISDICTION. MR. DONALD KLOPFER, PUBLISHER, RANDOM HOUSE INC., ADVISED  
 THAT MR SAX COMMINS, EDITOR AND ASSOCIATE OF WILLIAM FAULKNER RECEIVED  
 A LETTER FROM FAULKNER WHO RESIDES OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI, TO THE EFFECT  
 THAT MRS. FAULKNER HAD RECEIVED FOUR TELEPHONE CALLS ALLEGEDLY FROM ONE  
 A.B. STEIN IN NY. THE FIRST OF WHICH WAS RECEIVED ON ELEVEN TWENTY  
 NINE FIFTYSIX. IN THIS CALL SUBJECT SAID THAT FOR FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS  
 HE COULD TELL HER SOMETHING ABOUT A MISS STEIN AND HER HUSBAND.  
 SINCE THE FIRST CALL MRS. FAULKNER HAS RECEIVED THREE ADDITIONAL CALLS  
 THE LAST OF WHICH WAS RECEIVED ON ONE TWENTY TWO INSTANT. SUBSTANCE OF  
 LAST THREE CALLS NOT KNOWN. MR. KLOPFER FURTHER ADVISED MISS STEIN  
 MENTIONED IN TELEPHONE CALL IS JEAN STEIN, TWO SUTTON PLACE SOUTH,  
 NYC, A PERSONAL FRIEND OF FAULKNER AND THIS FACT IS KNOWN TO MRS.  
 FAULKNER. MEMPHIS REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW BOTH MR. AND MRS. FAULKNER  
 FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION TO DETERMINE IF TELEPHONE CALLS COME  
 WITHIN JURISDICTION OF THIS BUREAU AND WHETHER OR NOT CALLS WERE  
 PREPAID OR COLLECT IN ORDER THAT RECORDS OF NY TELEPHONE COMPANY BE  
 CHECKED. SU TEL RESULT

K E L L Y  
MEMPHIS ADVISED

Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Nichols

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE January 28, 1957

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
WILLIAM FAULKNER - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

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Donald Klopfer of Random House called. He stated that William Faulkner has written him a lengthy letter regarding an individual in New York who is making long distance calls to his wife in Oxford, Mississippi, using the names Guernsey Smith and A. B. Stein.

The essence of the calls are that for \$500 the caller will furnish Mrs. Faulkner information regarding a relationship between William Faulkner and Miss Jean Stein. Klopfer stated that Jean Stein, age 22, is the daughter of Jules Stein of the Music Corporation of America; that Jean Stein is a family friend; that when Faulkner comes to New York by himself he frequently dines with Miss Stein; and that this is a fact well known to Mrs. Faulkner. Faulkner apparently is annoyed by the calls and Klopfer wondered if this was not a matter which was a violation of a federal law.

The Blackmail Section of the Extortion Act is handled by the Post Office Department when the mails are used. If, however, long distance calls are used, this is a matter handled by the Bureau and ordinarily U.S. Attorneys do not prosecute in such cases where there is just a threat to blackmail. After discussing the matter with Mr. Boardman, I told the New York Office to have an agent contact Klopfer, secure the letter, and if there are enough facts in the letter to present to the U.S. Attorney, the traditional facts are we can interview William Faulkner and then present it to a U.S. Attorney. William Faulkner is one of the foremost authors of the day. He at one time had a brother in our service.

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cc - Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Rosen

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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW YORK URGENT

UNSUB, WA. A. B. STEIN, MRS. WILLIAM FAULKNER, VICTIM, EXTORTION. RE NY TEL TWENTYEIGHTH INSTANT. MRS. WILLIAM FAULKNER, OXFORD, MISS., STATES FIRST TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED FROM NY ON NOV. TWENTYNINE LAST FROM PERSON GIVING NAME A. B. STEIN, STATING HE WAS NO RELATION TO JEAN STEIN, BUT HAD SOMETHING OF INTEREST FOR MRS. FAULKNER CONCERNING MR. FAULKNER AND MISS STEIN WHICH WOULD BE WORTH FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO HER. MRS. FAULKNER TOLD CALLER SHE WAS FAMILIAR WITH ASSOCIATION HER HUSBAND AND MISS STEIN. SECOND CALL RECEIVED ABOUT DEC. SIXTEEN, FIFTYSIX, AND MRS. FAULKNER HUNG UP AFTER STEIN IDENTIFIED HIMSELF. THIRD CALL RECEIVED ABOUT JAN. THREE, FIFTYSEVEN, WHEN STEIN STATED HE WAS GOING TO FLORIDA AND WOULD COME TO OXFORD, MISS. IN FEB. TO SEE MRS. FAULKNER. FOURTH CALL RECEIVED FROM A GUERNSEY SMITH "PH" INQUIRING IF MRS. FAULKNER PLANNED TO ACCOMPANY HUSBAND TO VIRGINIA IN FUTURE. NO MENTION MADE OF STEIN AND MRS. FAULKNER NOT POSITIVE WAS SAME PERSON USING NAME STEIN. LAST CALL RECEIVED FOUR THIRTY PM, JAN. TWENTYTWO, FIFTYSEVEN, FROM STEIN AND MRS. FAULKNER REFUSED TO TALK TO STEIN. ALL CALLS PREPAID AND MADE APPROXIMATELY

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FOUR THIRTY PM EACH OCCASION. MR. FAULKNER IS OF OPINION CALLER  
POSSIBLY A YOUNG WRITER HE WAS OFFENDED IN SOME MANNER, AND  
STATES A. B. STEIN UNKNOWN TO HIM. STATES HE AND MISS JEAN STEIN  
ARE CLOSE FRIENDS AND HAVE MUTUAL INTERESTS IN TV, RADIO, AND  
LITERARY MATTERS. BOTH STATE NO THREATS MADE. USA THOMAS R.  
ETHRIDGE, OXFORD, MISS., STATES FROM AVAILABLE FACTS DOES NOT  
BELIEVE A VIOLATION OF EXTORTION STATUTE EXISTS, SINCE NO DEMAND  
FOR MONEY MADE AND CALLER APPARENTLY ATTEMPTING TO "SELL" INFO  
TO MRS. FAULKNER. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORT MADE AT: MEMPHIS  
FIELD OFFICE: NEW YORK  
DATE OF REPORT: 2/19/57  
PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/29; 2/11/57  
REPORT MADE BY: ROBIN O. COTTEN  
CHARACTER OF CASE: EXTORTION

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was.  
A. B. STEIN, GUERNSEY (phonetic)  
SMITH;  
MRS. WILLIAM PAULKNER - VICTIM

Mrs. WILLIAM PAULKNER, Oxford, Mississippi, states five telephone calls received from New York from 11/29/56 to 1/22/57, four being from individual identifying himself as A. B. STEIN and one from person identifying himself as GUERNSEY (phonetic) SMITH. STEIN advised he was no relation to Miss JEAN STEIN but had something of interest for Mrs. PAULKNER concerning Mr. PAULKNER and Miss JEAN STEIN, which would be worth \$500 to her. No threats made and no demands made for money by STEIN or SMITH. All calls pre-paid and made at approximately 4:30 P. M. on each occasion. Mr. WILLIAM PAULKNER is of opinion caller possibly a young writer he has offended in some manner and states A. B. STEIN unknown to him. States he and Miss JEAN STEIN are close friends, having mutual interest in radio, television and literary matters. USA, Oxford, Mississippi, states from available facts, does not believe violation of Extortion Statute exists.

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DETAILS: AT OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

The following investigation was conducted by SA'S BON H.

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- 1 - Bureau
- 1 - USA Oxford
- 2 - New York
- 1 - Memphis (9-818)

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McELREATH and ROBIN O. COTTEN:

Mrs. ESTELLE PAULKNER advised on January 29, 1957, that she had received a person to person long distance telephone call from New York on November 29, 1956 from a man who identified himself to her as A. B. STEIN. Mrs. PAULKNER advised that STEIN, after identifying himself, stated that he was no relationship to Miss JEAN STEIN of New York and that he had something of interest for her concerning her husband and Miss JEAN STEIN. She continued that STEIN had stated to her that this information would be worth \$500.00 to her.

Mrs. PAULKNER advised that at this point she became angry and advised STEIN that she was not interested in this information and further that she was well acquainted with the association between her husband, Mr. WILLIAM PAULKNER, and Miss JEAN STEIN. Mrs. PAULKNER advised that STEIN at that time appeared to be surprised at her statement and at this point the conversation was terminated and STEIN hung up. She advised that her husband was out of town at this time.

Mrs. PAULKNER advised that the individual calling sounded like an educated person and possibly a young man. She stated that he definitely had a New England accent. Mrs. PAULKNER advised that she received a second call from STEIN about December 16, 1956, and that after she learned the identity of the caller, she stated that she had nothing to discuss with him, at which time she terminated the conversation and hung up. She advised that she received a third call about January 3, 1957, at which time STEIN stated that he planned to go to Florida in February of 1957 and that his plans were to stop in Oxford and discuss the matter further with her. She recalled that STEIN, at that time, stated he understood that Mrs. PAULKNER would be in New York during February and that he would have an opportunity to talk with her more in detail. She advised that she again told STEIN she was not interested in any information which he had to offer.

Mrs. PAULKNER advised she received the fourth call about January 19, 1957, from an individual identifying himself as GUERNSEY (phonetic) SMITH, at which time SMITH inquired whether or not she planned to go to Virginia with Mr. PAULKNER in the near future. Mrs. PAULKNER advised that the proposed trip of her husband had already been publicly announced. She could not determine from talking with GUERNSEY SMITH whether he was identical with the person who had previously called and furnished his name as A. B. STEIN. She did state, however, that SMITH did not refer to JEAN STEIN or to any matter previously discussed with her by STEIN.

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Mrs. PAULKNER advised that she received the fifth call on January 22, 1957, at 4:30 P. M. from A. B. STEIN, at which time she refused to talk with him. Mrs. PAULKNER advised that

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threats of any sort were made at any time and that no demands were made for any money. She advised that she gathered from all of the conversations that the caller was attempting to "sell her" some information. She advised that she is not acquainted with A. B. STEIN and is not personally acquainted with Miss JEAN STEIN but has heard her husband speak of Miss STEIN on many occasions. Mrs. PAULKNER advised that all calls received by her were pre-paid and were made at approximately 4:30 P. M. on each occasion.

Mr. WILLIAM PAULKNER advised on January 29, 1957, that he is not acquainted with an A. B. STEIN or a GUERNSEY SMITH but stated that he is a close personal friend of Miss JEAN STEIN of New York and that he and Miss STEIN have mutual interests in television, radio, and literary matters and that through Miss STEIN he has made many writer contacts in New York City. He stated he is of the opinion that the individual representing himself as A. B. STEIN is possibly a young writer whom he has offended in some manner in the past. He advised that he does not feel STEIN is attempting to extort money from his wife by these anonymous calls.

On January 29, 1957, U. S. Attorney THOMAS R. ETHRIDGE advised that from the available facts he does not believe a violation of the Extortion Statute exists since no demand was made for money and the caller was apparently attempting to "sell" information to Mrs. PAULKNER.

Mrs. PAULKNER is described as follows, from personal observation and interview:

Name	ESTELLE OLDHAM PAULKNER
Born	2/19/1897
Birthplace	Bonham, Texas
Height	5'4"
Weight	110 pounds
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair
Scars	Small pit scar, left side of face
Peculiarities	Wears extremely thick glasses

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REFERENCE: Teletype from New York to Memphis 1/28/57  
Teletype from Memphis to the Bureau and New York 1/30/57

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEW YORK</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>2/1/57</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>1/25, 30, 31, 1957</b>
TITLE OF CASE		REPORT MADE BY <b>WILLIAM J. TRACY</b>	TYPED BY
UNKNOWN SUBJECT, WRS J. F. Stein, DORSEY (phonetic) Mrs. WILLIAM FAIRMER - VICTIM		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b>	

SYNOPSIS

Mr. JAY COHENS, Editor, Garden House Inc., and an associate of WILLIAM FAIRMER, advised he received a letter from FAIRMER, who resides at Oxford, Mississippi, to the effect that Mrs. FAIRMER received four telephone calls, allegedly from the J. F. STEIN in New York.

This investigation was initiated on telephone call on January 27, 1957, in which Assistant Director I. S.

APPROVED: *[Signature]* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

- COPIES MADE:
- 1 - Bureau
  - 2 - Memphis (9-810)  
(1 - USA, Oxford)
  - 1 - New York (9-2415)

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NICHOLS, requested Mr. DONALD KLOPFER, Random House Incorporated, be contacted to receive information of a violation within the Bureau's jurisdiction.

Mr. DONALD KLOPFER, Publisher, Random House Incorporated, advised on January 25, 1957, that Mr. MAX COLLINS, Editor and Associate of WILLIAM FAULKNER, received a letter from Mrs. FAULKNER, who resides in Oxford, Mississippi, to the effect that Mrs. FAULKNER had received four telephone calls, allegedly from one A. J. STEIN in New York, the first of which was received on November 29, 1956. Both Mr. KLOPFER and Mr. MAX COLLINS pointed out that during this first telephone call, the unknown subject said that for \$500.00 he could tell her something about a Miss STEIN and her husband. According to Mr. COLLINS, since the first call, Mrs. FAULKNER has received three additional calls, the last of which was received on January 20, 1957.

Mr. COLLINS stated that the substance of the last three calls were not known to him.

Mr. KLOPFER further advised that the A. J. STEIN mentioned in the telephone call, is JOHN STEIN, 2 Sutton Place South, New York City, a personal friend of WILLIAM FAULKNER, and this fact is known to Mrs. FAULKNER.

By teletype dated January 25, 1957, the Memphis Office was requested to interview both Mr. and Mrs. FAULKNER for complete information to determine if the telephone calls came within the jurisdiction of this Bureau, and whether or not the

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calls were prepaid or collect in order that the records of the New York Telephone Company be checked. By teletype dated January 20, 1957, the Memphis Office advised that Mrs. WILLIAM PALMER, Oxford, Mississippi, stated that the first telephone call received from New York on November 26, 1956, from a person giving the name A. P. STEIN, pointing out that he was no relation to JIM STEIN, but had something of interest for Mrs. PALMER concerning Mr. PALMER and Miss STEIN which would be worth \$500.00 to her. Mrs. PALMER told the caller she was familiar with the association of her husband and Miss STEIN.

According to Mrs. PALMER, the second call was received about December 16, 1956, and Mrs. PALMER being called by a man identified himself. According to Mrs. PALMER, the third call was received about January 3, 1957, when the caller stated that he was going to Florida, and would come to Oxford, Mississippi in February to see Mrs. PALMER. Mrs. PALMER further advised that the fourth call received by her was from GUYMON STEIN (phonetic) inquiring if Mrs. PALMER planned to accompany her husband to Virginia in the near future. Mrs. PALMER pointed out that the last call she received was at 4:30 p.m. on January 22, 1957, from STEIN, and Mrs. PALMER refused to talk to him. She stated that all the calls were prepaid, and made at approximately 4:30 p.m. on each occasion.

Both Mr. and Mrs. PALMER advised that no threats were made during any of the telephone calls.

The facts of this case were presented to United States Attorney THOMAS A. LETHBRIDGE on January 29,

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1957, at Oxford Tennessee, and he did not feel that a violation of the extortion statute exists since no demand for money was made, and the caller was apparently attempting to "sell" information to Mrs. FAULKNER.

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REFERENCE

Report of J. A. ROBBIN of COLTON, 2/10/57, Memphis.  
New York teletype to the Bureau, 1/2/57.

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March 12, 1957

WILLIAM FAULKNER  
Born: September 24, 1897  
New Albany, Mississippi

No investigation pertinent to your inquiry has been conducted by the FBI concerning the captioned individual. However, the files of this Bureau reflect the following information which may relate to the subject of your name check request.

A confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised in March, 1951 that the Civil Rights Congress Headquarters in New York City had expressed their pleasure with the work of a committee of women which included the procuring of a statement from William Faulkner, Nobel Prize winner, on behalf of Willie McGee. It is to be noted that Willie McGee was convicted of raping a woman on January 11, 1945 in 1945 and sentenced to die. Numerous appeals were filed, the last of which was to the United States Supreme Court in March, 1951, at which time the full Supreme Court refused to review the case. McGee was executed on May 2, 1951.

(61-10149-1881 p8 inst NY 591)

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The foregoing information is furnished to you as a result of your request for an FBI file check and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individual involved. This information is furnished for your use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

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The Attorney General

Director, FBI

NAME CHECK REQUESTS

December 15, 1961

Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Evans  
Mr. Rosen  
Name Check Section  
Mr. Woods

Reference is made to my letter dated December 11, 1961, captioned as above which referred to the request of Mr. Richard M. Goodwin, formerly of the White House staff, for name checks of fifty-two individuals who are American Nobel Prize winners. Referenced letter reported on thirty of these individuals.

Emily S. Balch was never investigated by the FBI; however, our files contain information indicating that she was a prominent Quaker pacifist. Miss Balch died on January 10, 1961, at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

No investigation has been conducted and our files reveal no pertinent information concerning Otto Stern; Willis Eugene Lamb, Jr.; or Vincent Du Vigneaud.

Applicant-type investigations have been conducted by this Bureau concerning the following individuals. The years in which the investigations were conducted are indicated in parentheses following the names.

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADD. DISSEMINATION.

- Arthur Holly Compton (1948 and 1961)
- Carl D. Anderson (1951)
- Emilie Segre (1953)
- Dr. Robert Hofstadter (1953-1954)
- Arthur Kornberg (1954)
- Andre F. Cournand (1956)
- Owen Chamberlain (1958)

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No derogatory information was developed as a result of these investigations and no pertinent information has been reported to this Bureau concerning these individuals since the completion of the investigations.

Attached are summary memoranda relative to:

- Percy Willian Bridgman
- William Faulkner
- Hermann Joseph Muller

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The Attorney General

Dr. Edwin Mattison McMillan  
Severo Ochoa  
Linus Carl Pauling  
Harold Clayton Urey

These memoranda contain information from this Bureau's files regarding these individuals and our files reveal no additional pertinent information concerning them.

Files are being reviewed relative to the remaining four individuals and you will be furnished the results of the review upon completion.

Enclosures (14)

- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Rosen
- Name Check Section
- Mr. Woods

December 11, 1961

WILLIAM FAULKNER

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No investigation pertinent to your inquiry has been conducted by the FBI concerning the captioned individual. However, the files of this Bureau reveal the following information which may relate to the subject of your inquiry.

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The Civil Rights Congress has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450, (40-0-17974)

Enc to AG memo 12-13-61 captioned "Name Check Requests" NFW:Fjb.

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NAME CHECK

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~~WILLIAM PAULKNER~~ S. [unclear]  
Born: September 25, 1897  
New Albany, Mississippi

Reference is made to your request for copies of investigative reports in the event the captioned individual has been investigated by this Bureau.

No investigation pertinent to your inquiry concerning the captioned individual has been conducted by the FBI.

The foregoing information is furnished to you as a result of your request for an FBI file check and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individual involved. This information is furnished for your use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

Orig. & One to USIA  
Req. rec'd 4/23/56  
W. L. Marsden:slg *slg*  
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NOTE: Paul McNichol, USIA, requested a search for main files only. He advised that only copies of investigative reports of the results of investigation were requested. Reason for request President's Program for World Understanding. *sl*

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